
City of Carthage



Public Safety Committee – Minutes

Meeting Date: July 20, 2020

Meeting Location: Virtual Meeting

Call to Order: Chairman Harrison

Time Called to Order: 5:30pm

Attendance:

Chairman Harrison, Councilman Barlow, Councilman Thompson, Chief Williams, Chief Dagnan, Morgan Housh, Tom Short, Craig Diggs, Abi Almandinger, Ceri Otero

OLD BUSINESS

Councilman Barlow made the motion to accept the minutes from the previous meeting as written. Motion passed.

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION

1. Chief Dagnan spoke on behalf of Jude Champagne and discussed the 2020 Rallye in the Park event and run date change. This event was approved in the January 2020 meeting to be held on April 26th with all the requested road closures approved. Mr. Champagne is requesting to have the event moved to September 20, 2020 with all the same requested road closures, permission to back vehicles into parking spaces, and alternative plans for inclement weather as in the January meeting. No motion was needed this is just an updated date to the motion that was approved in the January meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Chief Dagnan spoke on behalf of Tim Hill from the Public Works Department. Tim has been receiving complaints from the citizens of Carthage about the parking along the south side of Wiggins from Garrison to the middle of the block that has an alley on the north side of the road. When the traffic is exiting onto Wiggins from the alley, it is difficult for cars to make the turn to go west because of the vehicles parking along the south side of the road. Most of the property frontage there belongs to Insurance business facing Garrison and it serves no purpose as far as parking to the business. The house across the alley will still have ample parking. Tim is requesting to restrict the parking about 170 feet from Garrison south to give Republic Services and other vehicles enough room to make the proper turn to go west on Wiggins. Councilman Barlow made a motion to approve Tim Hill's and the Public Work Department request to restrict the parking about 170 feet from Garrison on the South side of Wiggins to allow traffic to turn. Motion passed.
2. Fire Chief Roger Williams spoke with the committee of the acceptance/award of the yearly EMPG grant. Due to the current COVID-19 pandemic the state has extended this grant from 12 months to 18 months. The grant will run from January 1, 2020 – June 30, 2021. By adding these additional 6 months it increased the amount that we requested and in the end increased the amount that the CFD was awarded. The new total amount for the 2020 EMPG grant that was rewarded to the City of Carthage/Carthage Fire Department is \$111,487.74. That is \$55,743.87 in federal funds and \$55,743.87 in locally required match. 1st and 2nd quarters have been submitted on July 10th and should be seeing the awarded funds in the next few weeks. Councilman Barlow made a motion to accept the EMPG grant as in years past. Motion passed.

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3. Staff reports

a. Fire Department

- Spoke with the committee about the staff at the Station and COVID calls
- CFD has a new engine still on order however, with COVID it has slowed down the production process. Chief Williams will keep the committee informed on the production process.
- Chief Williams spoke with the committee briefly about a few capital projects and Fire Sales Tax update.

b. Police Department

- Chief Dagnan spoke with the committee about a concerned citizen in the 10th and Clinton area who has a homeran Daycare in that area. The citizen would like a stop sign in that area due to their traffic concerns. Chief Dagnan and the CPD conducted a street study of the area and emailed the speed view analysis report to the committee for their review so that it can be discussed at the next Public Safety meeting. No motion needed.

ADJOURNMENT – Councilman Thompson made a motion to adjourn. Motion passed.

Next Meeting Date: August 17, 2020

Next Meeting Location: TBD

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